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Applicant: Yousef Al-Abed Confirmation No.: 1663

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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 11, 2011 OFFICE ACTION AND IN RESPONSE TO JANUARY 18, 2012 ADVISORY ACTION AND PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

By EFS Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The U.S. Patent Office issued an Office Action on October 11, 2011 in connection with the above-identified application. A response was due January 11, 2012. The Office Action summary page indicated that the Office Action was "non-final", and applicants filed a response on January 11, 2012. However, an Advisory Action was issued January 18, 2012 maintaining the rejections. In addition, page 6 of the October 11, 2011 Office Action indicated that the October 11, 2011 Office Action was "final". Accordingly, applicant understands the October 11, 2011 Office Action to be considered as final by the USPTO, and as such applicant is filing this response to address the rejections in the October 11, 2011 Office Action and January 18, 2012 Advisory Action, and as the

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required submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 to the accompanying RCE. Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time for filing this response, and the \$280 fee therefor is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-1785. With a two-month extension of time a response is due March 11, 2012. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.